

E-mail notice sent to all Hospital Data Reporting Contacts on October 15, 2007

**Subject: Hospital Discharge Data Reporting
New Rules and 2008 Reporting Requirements**

As most of you are aware, the rules under which hospital discharge data are reported to the state of Arizona have been under revision for the last couple of years. These rules update and modernize the Arizona data reporting requirements, and incorporate compatibility with the current UB04 billing guidelines. On October 2, 2007, the revised rules were approved by the Arizona Governor's Regulatory Review Council. Therefore, the new rules will become official December 1, 2007.

As a result of the new rules, there are significant changes to the data layout and reporting requirements. Some new data elements have been added, and many existing data elements have been expanded.

These reporting changes apply to patient discharges commencing January 1, 2008, which are reportable between July 1 and August 15, 2008. Therefore this notice provides hospitals and vendors 8 ½ months to prepare before reports under the new requirements are due.

Attached to this email is the reporting manual for the new requirements. Included in this manual is detailed information about each of the data elements, a summary data layout, and general reporting requirements. This document, along with .xls spreadsheet versions of some of the tables, will be posted to our website in the next day or so, at <http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/crr/ddr/hospa1/index.htm>.

PLEASE NOTE: these changes do **NOT** affect the reporting of 2007-02 data (July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 discharges), which is reportable between January 1 and February 15, 2008. 2007-02 data specifications are unchanged from 2007-01.

Please distribute this information to all hospital staff involved with or affected by Arizona hospital discharge data reporting.